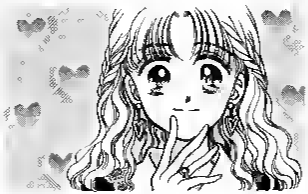
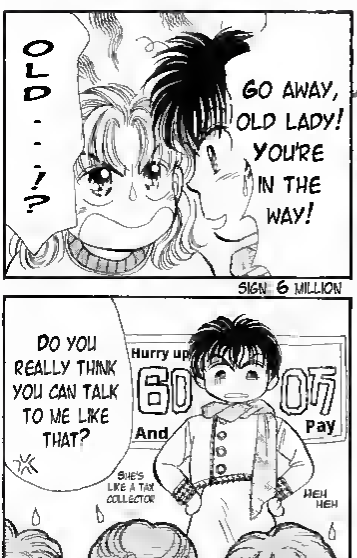
STAR TLE
YOU IDIOTS!
They look like twins...
WHY DIDN'T YOU ASK HIM WHERE SHE WAS!?
ARE YOU EVEN SURE THAT SHE'S LOCKED UP!?
At Arata's House



TEARY
BUT... SERIKA-SAN NEVER ASKS US FOR HELP...
AND BESIDES... MAYBE THEY JUST NEED THEIR TIME TO CALMLY TALK IT OVER...
TALK!? ARE YOU STUPID!!?
WHEN A MAN LOCKS UP A WOMAN...
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING HE'S GONNA DO!!

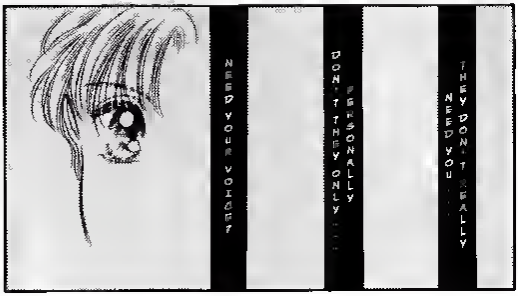
Naaaaa!!!
THAT'S JUST WHAT YOU'D DO...
!!!
HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT!? TOMOKA IS ALREADY SENSITIVE ENOUGH TO SUGGESTIVE STUFF .....
THEN... AT THIS POINT, THEY MIGHT'VE ALREADY.....!
MA'AM!
HELLO. HOW ARE YOU?
Sorry for staring in without asking.
HEY! TOMO-...
DASH
SERIKA-SAAAAN!!
SLAM!

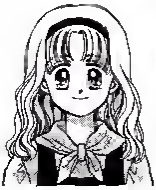

OLD...!?
GO AWAY, OLD LADY! YOU'RE IN THE WAY!
SIGN 6 MILLION
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN TALK TO ME LIKE THAT?
Hurry up
60
And
075
Pay
SHE'S LIKE A TAX COLLECTOR
HEH HEH
I CAME BECAUSE I HEARD YOU WERE ALL GATHERED HERE.
HOW ABOUT HAVING DINER TOGETHER? IT'S MY TREAT.
WHAT'S WITH THAT PHOTO?
IT'S THE HOUSE OF A FORMER NOBLE FAMILY IT APPEARED IN A SHOW ABOUT THE COUNTRY'S MOST LUXURIOUS HOUSES ON F TELEVISION.
THE HOUSE AND THE 2.5 ACRES OF LAND AROUND IT ARE WORTH BILLIONS.
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH US?
SORRY, BUT I OVERHEARD EVERYTHING.
I WAS INTERESTED AS WELL, SO I DID SOME INVESTI-GATING.
ピラ
SFX: FLIP

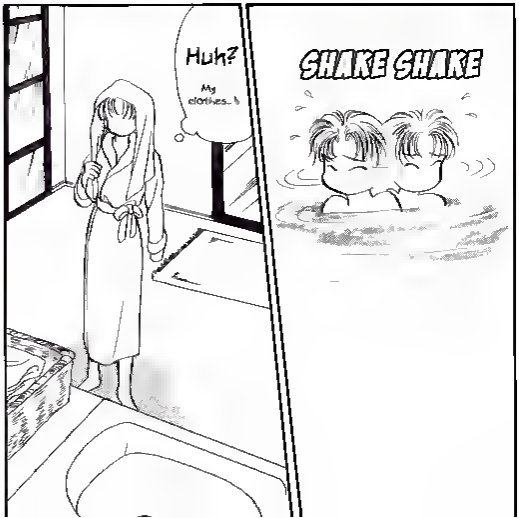
IT'S SERIKA'S HOUSE.
RAMS
...HUH...!?
SNATCH
25 ACRES OF LAND & HOUSE WORTH BILLIONS...
THE DAUGHTER OF A FORMER NOBLE FAMILY...
IS THIS...
pedigree
Woof
REALLY ABOUT SERIKA!?

ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
SHE.. REALLY IS A RICH LADY .!
NO WAY! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!!
I'm glad they're so surprised.
IF YOU LOOK AT HER FAMILY STRUCTURE...
IT BECOMES OBVIOUS WHY SHE DOESN'T WANT TO GO HOME.
!SSSS!

SIGH
AT LEAST ARATA IS TAKING CARE OF THEM, SO I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
MY POOR LITTLE KITTIES

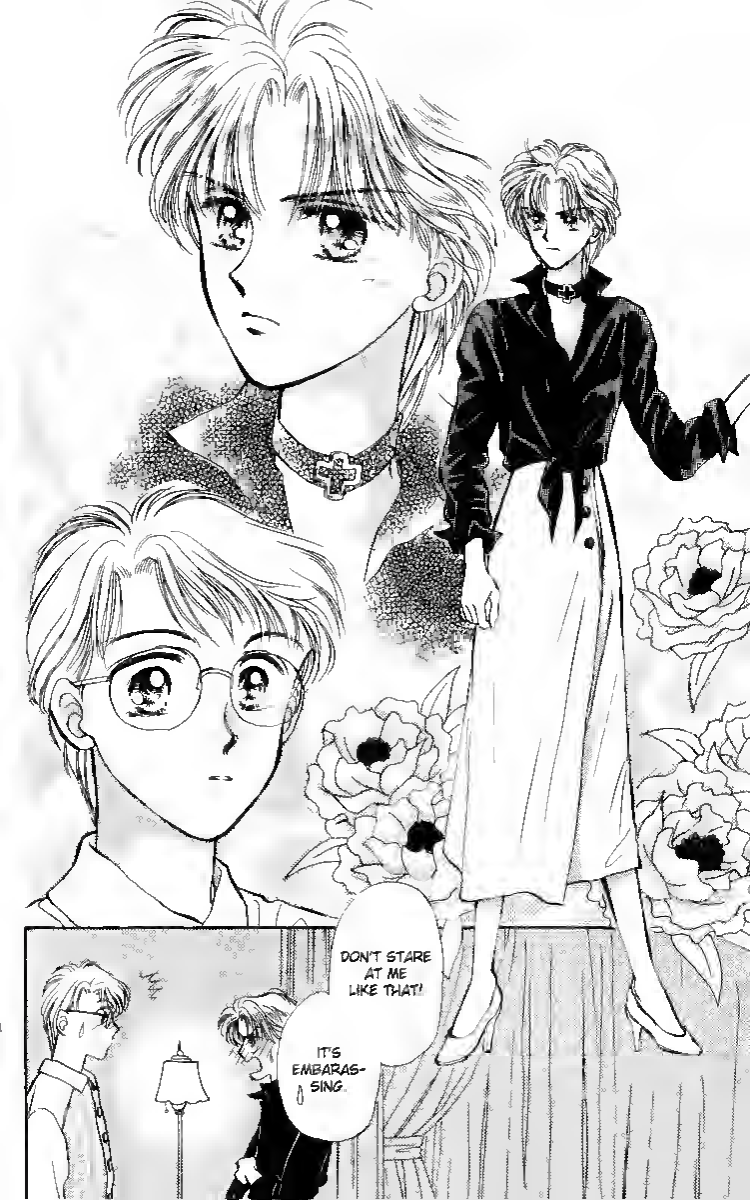

THEY DON'T REALLY NEED YOU...
DON'T THEY ONLY NEED YOUR VOICE?

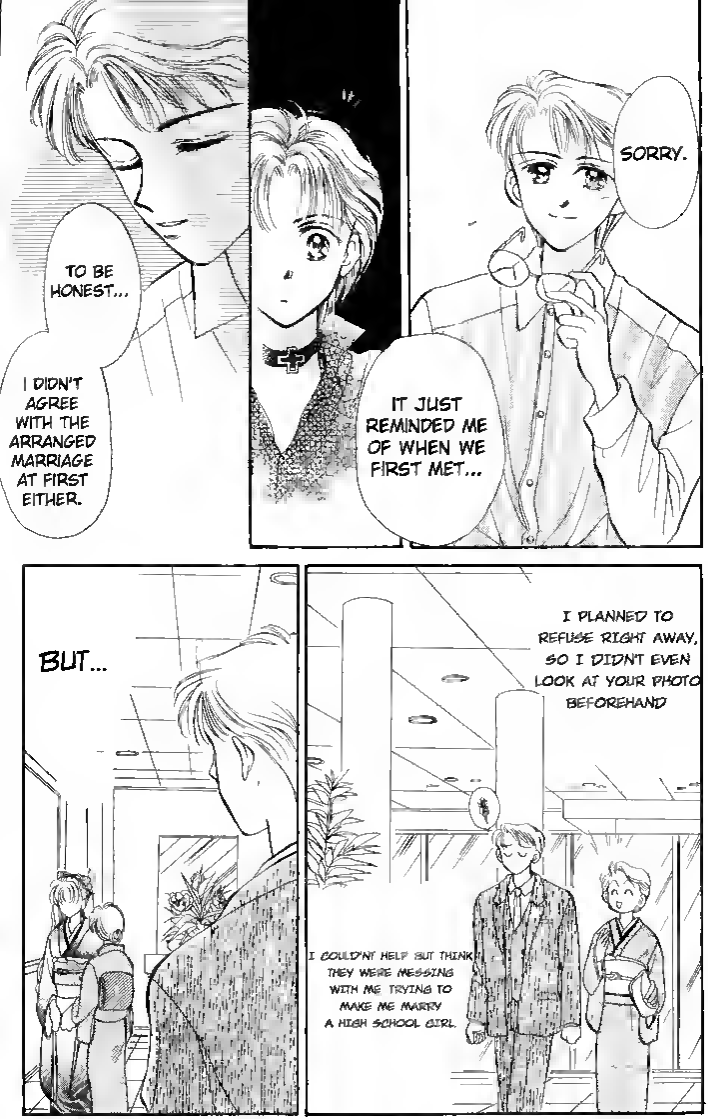


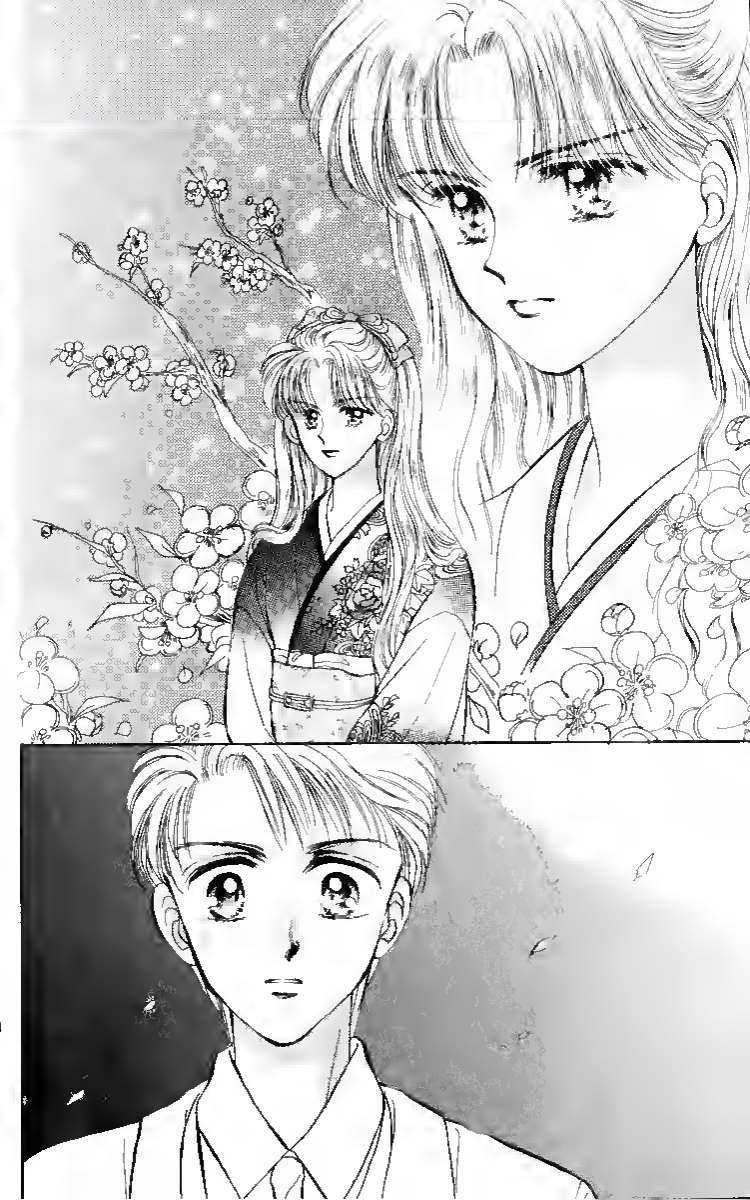

Huh?
My clothes..!
SHAKE SHAKE

GIMME BACK MY CLOTHES!
SLAM
Whoa what the heck is this..?
I'LL LEAVE YOU A CHANGE OF CLOTHES HERE
TH-THIS IS...
A SKIRT!
DON'T YOU LIKE THE CLOTHES I GAVE YOU?
I'M ALREADY HAVING THEM WASHED
DO YOU EVEN HAVE TO ASK...?

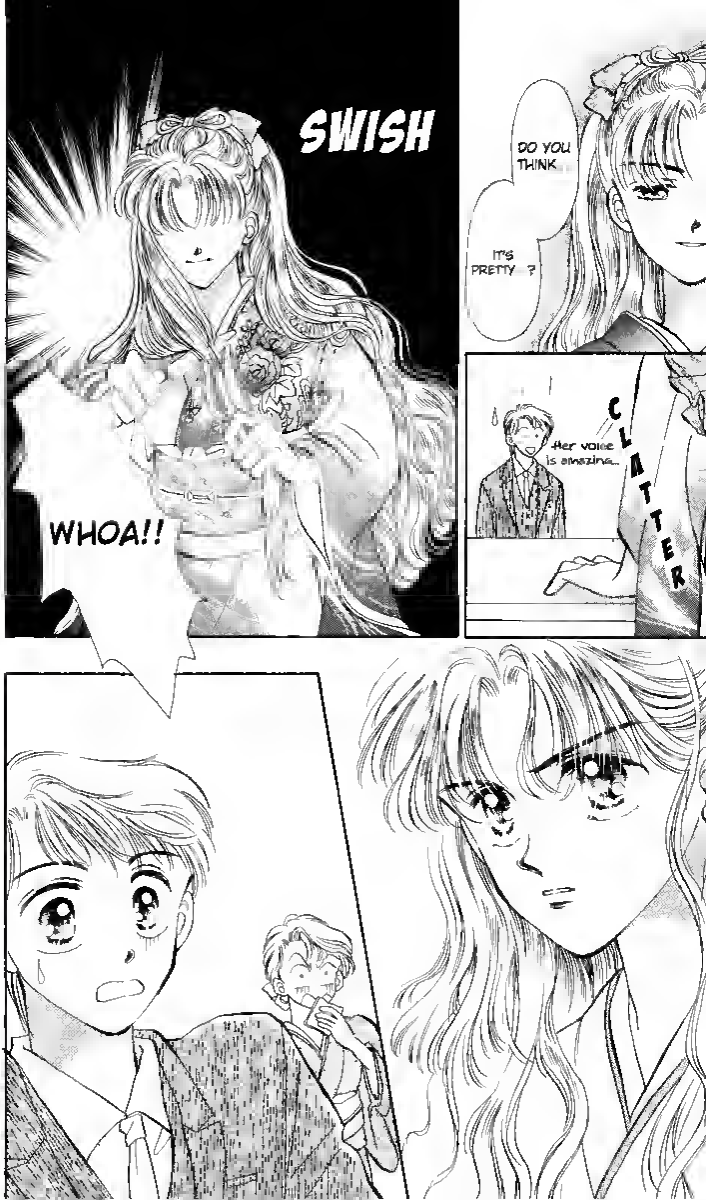
DON'T WORRY.
CHUCKLE CHUCKLE
NOBODY WILL SEE YOU IN IT, EXCEPT FOR ME.
BLUSH
PAAT
SLAM
DAMN YOU!
CLICK
I'M GLAD SHE'S SO LIVELY TODAY.
WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY MIGHT'VE HURT HER MORE THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD...


DON'T STARE AT ME LIKE THAT!
IT'S EMBARAS-SING.


SORRY.
IT JUST REMINDED ME OF WHEN WE FIRST MET...
TO BE HONEST...
I DIDN'T AGREE WITH THE ARRANGED MARRIAGE AT FIRST EITHER.
I PLANNED TO REFUSE RIGHT AWAY, SO I DIDN'T EVEN LOOK AT YOUR PHOTO BEFOREHAND
I COULDN'T HELP BUT THINK THEY WERE MESSING WITH ME TRYING TO MAKE ME MARRY A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL.
BUT...



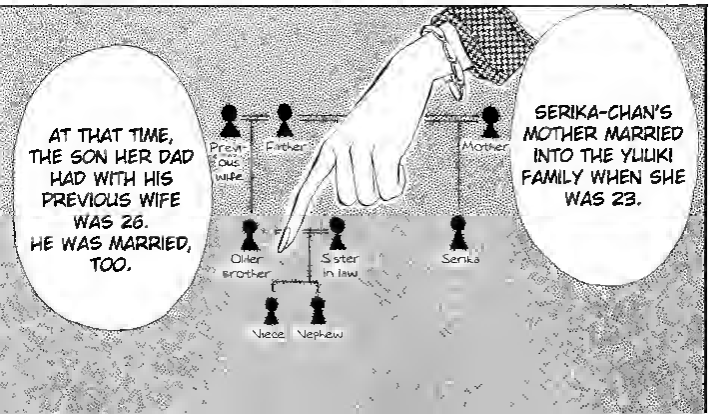
HAHAHA!
FUYUHIKO-SAN, YOU MUST BE BEWITCHED BY HOW PRETTY SEIKA-SAN TURNED OUT TO BE.
WHAT!?
Come on, go talk to her
YOU FIRMLY CLOSED YOUR EYES...
AND REFUSED TO LOOK AT ME
IT WAS TRUE THAT I WAS BEWITCHED AT FIRST SIGHT...
BY THIS GIRL WHO WAS 12 YEARS YOUNGER THAN ME
DO YOU HAVE YOUR MOTHER'S HAIR?
THE COLOR IS SO PRETTY.
I'm sorry
12 years!? You're an old man!


SWISH
WHOA!!
DO YOU THINK
IT'S PRETTY ?
Her voice is amazing.
CLATTER

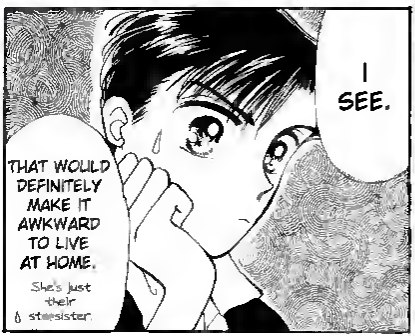
IF YOU WANT IT...
I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU.
SNIP
BZZZZT BZZZZT
Sound of an electric razor
Eek!
HURRY!
SOMEBODY, STOP HER!

TROT
TROT
STARE...
Ahh, this feels much better
If I had to explain how I felt back then
That's how I'd say it
It was like I was bewitched by a fox
CAN WE STOP TALKING ABOUT THAT?
HAHAHA!
IT IMPACTED MY LIFE MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE!

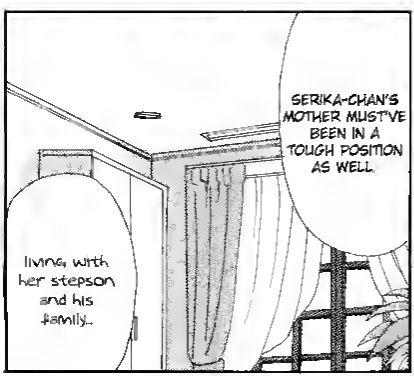
THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS...
"LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT"...
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!
FROM THE MOMENT I FIRST SAW YOU, I...


AT THAT TIME, THE SON HER DAD HAD WITH HIS PREVIOUS WIFE WAS 26. HE WAS MARRIED, TOO.
Father
Mother
Previous wife
Older brother
Sister in law
Serika
Niece
Nephew
SERIKA-CHAN'S MOTHER MARRIED INTO THE YUUKI FAMILY WHEN SHE WAS 23.

THAT'S UNBELIEVABLE.
SO HER DAD GOT A NEW WIFE WHO WAS YOUNGER THAN HIS SON?


I SEE.
THAT WOULD DEFINITELY MAKE IT AWKWARD TO LIVE AT HOME.
She's just their stepsister.

AND SINCE HER MOTHER PASSED AWAY LAST YEAR...
RIGHT NOW IT'S JUST HER DAD, BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN


SERIKA-CHAN'S MOTHER MUST'VE BEEN IN A TOUGH POSITION AS WELL.
living with her stepson and his family...

THEY MUST'VE SAID NASTY THINGS TO HER.
LIKE THAT SHE WAS A GOLD DIGGER.....
She was that much younger than her husband after all
I THINK THAT MIGHT BE THE REASON...
WHY SERIKA-CHAN HATES HER FATHER.
AND WITH HER LOOKING THE WAY SHE DOES. .
SHE MUST HAVE BEEN VERY ISOLATED.

Serika-san...!!
SO THE ARRANGED MARRIAGE MAY HAVE BEEN JUST...
HM
PH
A CONVENIENT WAY TO GET ME OUT OF THE HOUSE!!
I'M IMPRESSED THAT I MANAGED TO GROW UP WITHOUT GOING ASTRAY!
AND MY SISTER-IN-LAW TREATED ME LIKE A NUISANCE.
MY DAD DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH ME.
I think you've gone pretty astray though

WHAT THE HECK ARE THEY TRYING TO DO?
AND NOW THEY'RE TELLING ME TO COME BACK, AFTER I WAS NICE ENOUGH TO LEAVE THEM ON ENOUGH.
"IT'S OUTRAGEOUS FOR THE YUUKI FAMILY TO PRODUCE A ROCK STAR!"
"IF WE LEAVE HER ALONE, SHE'LL ONLY CAUSE US TROUBLE."
"WE CAN'T LET HER DO WHATEVER SHE WANTS."... THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID.
THEY'RE ALWAYS LIKE THAT!
CLAT TER

ALWAYS SAYING THE SAME THINGS!
I'M SICK OF HEARING IT!
SLAM
I DECIDED!
SHOCK
I DECIDED RIGHT NOW!
I'M DEFINITELY GOING...
TO BE A ROCK STAR!

YOU'RE PRETTY TWISTED, AREN'T YOU?
JUST WATCH ME, OLD MAN!
HAHAHA!

YOU GREW UP WITHOUT A SINGLE WORRY, SO YOU WOULD'NT UNDERSTAND.
NO, I DO UNDERSTAND.

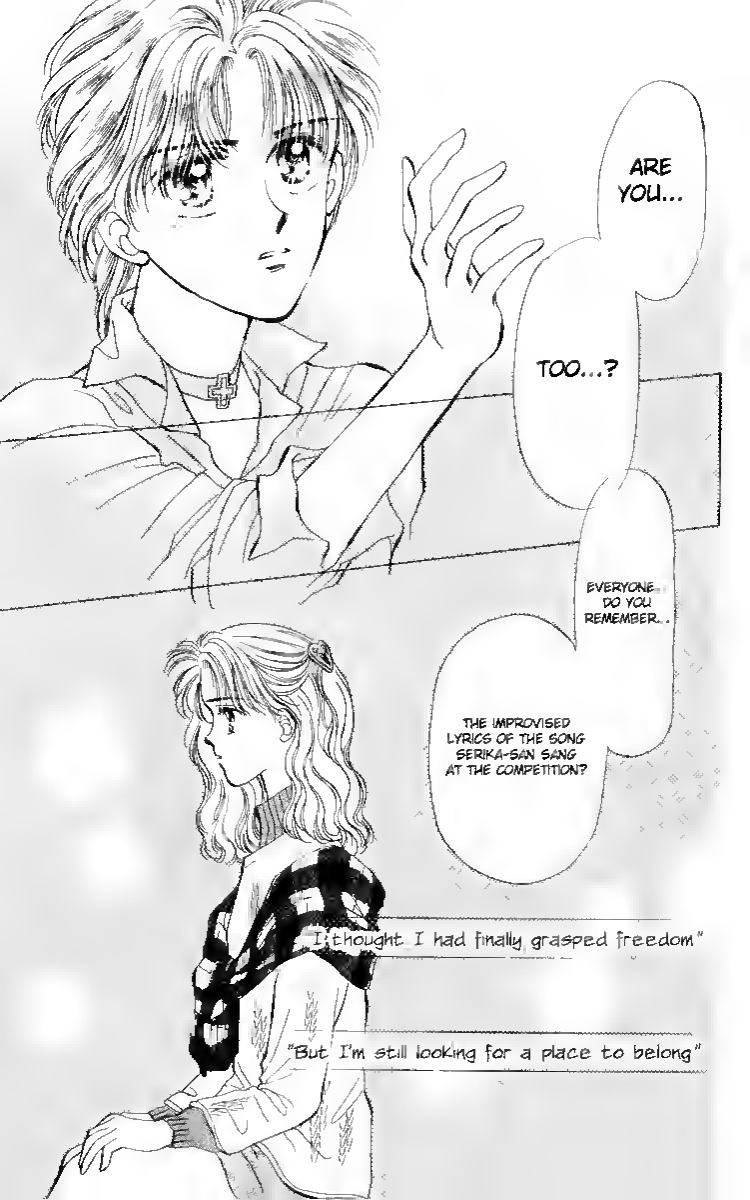
HUH?
MY CIRCUM-STANCES WERE SIMILAR TO YOURS.

MY PARENTS COULDN'T HAVE ANY CHILDREN OF THEIR OWN.
SO THEY ADOPTED ME, FOR THE SAKE OF THE FAMILY BUSINESS.
OH, IS THAT SO?
THAT...
HA-HAHA.
MUST HAVE... BEEN ROUGH... FOR YOU...

SO I GUESS I LOSE THE BET.
IT SEEMS LIKE I HAVEN'T CONVINCED YOU YET..
ANYWAYS...
WHAT BET?
OH WELL. I NEVER REALLY BELIEVED I COULD CONVINCE YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE.
THEN WHY DID YOU DO ALL OF THIS...?

.. BECAUSE I WANTED TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOU...

EVEN IF IT WAS JUST FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS...
I WANTED TO HAVE YOU ALL TO MYSELF FOR A WHILE


ARE YOU...
TOO...?
EVERYONE... DO YOU REMEMBER...
THE IMPROVISED LYRICS OF THE SONG SERIKA-SAN SANG AT THE COMPETITION?
"I thought I had finally grasped freedom"
"But I'm still looking for a place to belong"

SHE WAS...
SINGING ABOUT HERSELF.
"While carrying my doubts"
"and insecurities"
RIGHT NOW SHE MUST BE THINKING...
"WHY AREN'T THOSE DIMWITS COMING TO SAVE ME!?"

I HOPE WE WON'T BE TOO LATE...
MUTTER
WE'LL HAVE TO TELL HER...
THAT THE PLACE SHE BELONGS...
IS RIGHT HERE.
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO SAY OMINOUS STUFF LIKE THAT!?
POW
POW
Owl

WE'LL BRING SERIKA-SAN BACK!
LET'S GO!

I had no interest in singing.
And even less in bands

I just wanted...
somebody to say that they needed me.
JUST WAIT FOR US, SERIKA-SAN!

STARE
WH-, WHAT'S THIS?
STARE
STOP THAT! DON'T LOOK!
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
GASP
BLINK
...
We're hungry!
...
Hurry up and give us food!
Come on.

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